



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 510**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 26, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 510 creates the Nebraska Crime Victim Fund and authorizes the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice to serve as the administrator.

This new fund would consist of one dollar surcharges assessed on defendant fines or other penalties for state or local criminal and traffic offenses.

Under LB 510, these funds would be distributed to:

The Victim Information and Notification Everyday Network (VINE),  
Comprehensive crime victim assistance programs, and  
Non-profit organizations working for the benefit of the crime victim.

In addition, LB 510 authorizes the director for the Department of Correctional Services to authorize deposits of up to 5% of wages earned by an inmate participating in the work release program. Such deposits would go to the Victim's Compensation Fund which serves as the funding resource for the Crime Victim Reparations program (CVR). The Federal Government matches 60% of these funds for the CVR program.

Inmates work for private businesses on the grounds of Nebraska's state correctional facilities. Currently, these inmates contribute up to 5% of their wages to the Victim's Compensation Fund.

LB 510 would add the work release inmates as participants in the 5% wage program.

**Principal Introducer:**

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